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## EDUCATION

### River East Director Loretta Dansereau retires

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PALMER – During her time as the Director for River East School-to-Career, Inc., Loretta Dansereau said she brought a “culmination of different work experiences” to the nonprofit organization.

Dansereau’s bachelor’s degree in lab science, master’s degree in education and experience in bookkeeping and marketing also helped her during her time as the director.



“That was always one of my passions,” said Dansereau. “This profession called me. I was able to blend all of those experiences in science and business and education.”

Since starting at River East in 2003, Dansereau said her goal was to “help young people along the way become aware of different career options available to them, build skills and be successful in life.”

While expanding on the reason as to why helping her students figure out what they would like to pursue as a career, Dansereau said there are many reasons why it’s important to help guide them through the process.

“It is very stressful for students to know when they’re young what they want to do in life,” said Dansereau. “Sometimes they just don’t know all of the opportunities that are available and out there for them. We just want to make sure that students are aware of the opportunities and then they can make really good informed choices for them for themselves.”

Hearing the stories of the students’ experience in work-based learning programs, internships and cooperative education, specifically while at the River East annual recognition dinner, was one aspect of what Dansereau said she considered

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## MONSON

### COVID outbreak delays school reopening

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MONSON – Twelve new cases of COVID-19 have been reported in Monson in the last week that were linked to several large gatherings and parties, causing schools to delay their scheduled reopening.

Monson Public Schools superintendent Dr. Cheryl Clarke said after hearing reports of new cases in the community last Thursday, she talked with the Board of Health, town administrator and nurse leader and decided Monday

to delay opening the schools.

While remote classes are scheduled to start next week, in-person classes were supposed to start Sept. 9, but could be postponed until the new target date of Sept. 21, Clarke wrote in a letter to families on Monday.

“I’m sitting here in my office and I’m sad because tomorrow was the big day,” Clarke said in an interview Tuesday. “We were really looking forward to the kids coming back tomorrow. But they’ll be back, and we want everybody safe, that’s the biggest concern.”

Over the last couple weeks, town officials heard reports of several parties that were held in Monson and nearby towns, including over Labor Day Weekend and the weekend prior. Clarke said the tentative school reopening date will depend on which way the case numbers go.

Prior to this outbreak, case numbers had remained low in town, which is why school officials felt it was a safe time to reopen. Now, however, Clarke said this outbreak might put Monson into the red zone for the first time in terms of

state metrics, which are monitored by the Department of Public Health and Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and updated every week.

School Committee member Colleen Flynn said the committee toured all the schools last week to talk about the new ventilation units and see the classroom setups and physical distancing measures that were set up. She said it was apparent through talking to school administrators they were excited to return.

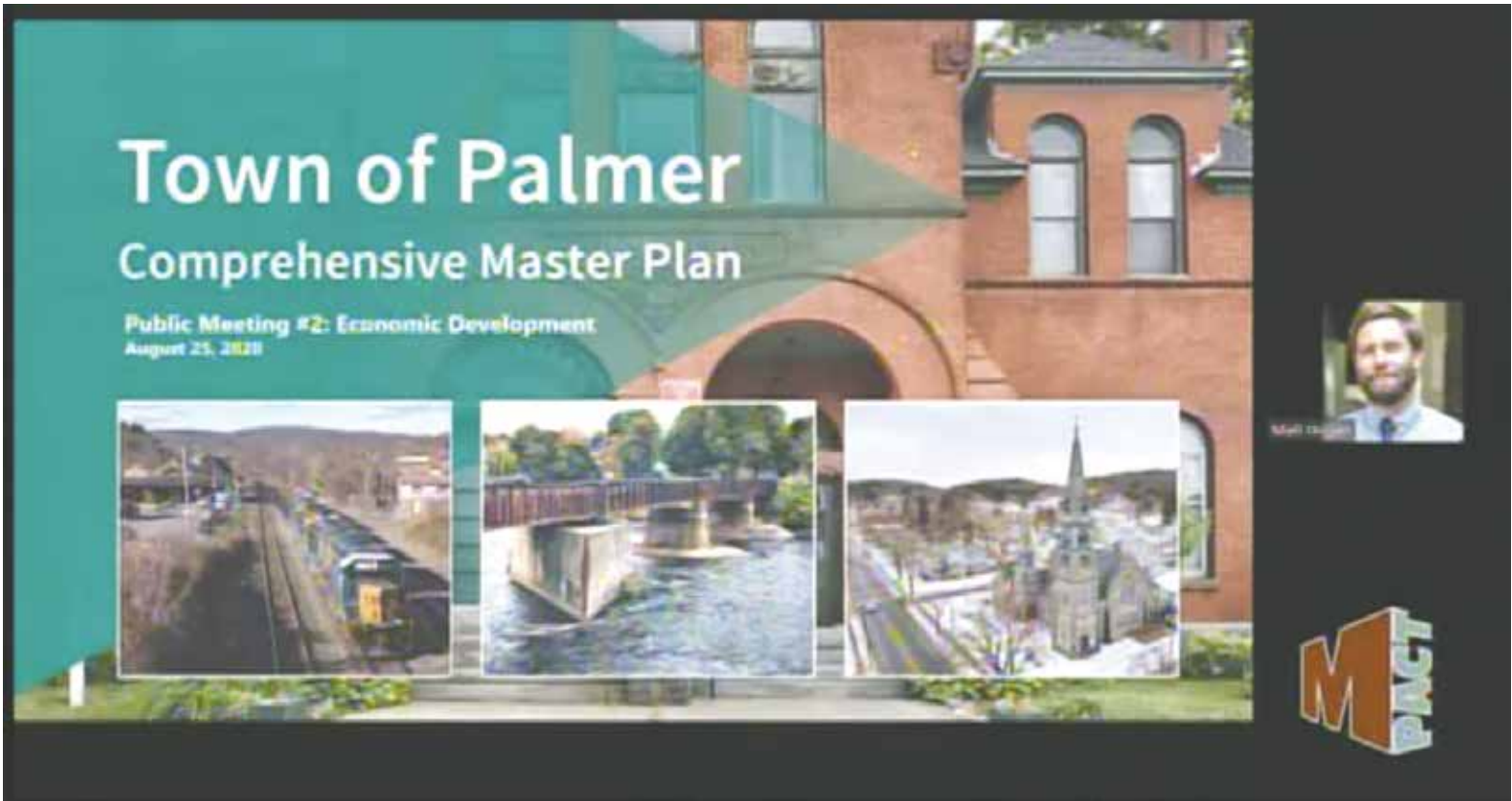
“This (delay) was unfortunate-

ly very unexpected and it’s something that could’ve been avoided if members of the community had taken their responsibility to the finish line,” Flynn said. “We’ve worked so hard to keep down the spread in our community and it’s worked so well, and to have it blow up in the last few weeks is disappointing.”

The school days that were lost this week will be added onto the end of the school calendar in June, Clarke wrote in the letter, and all

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## COMMUNITY



Courtesy Photos

On Aug. 25, the Palmer Masterplan Steering Committee hosted their second annual forum, with the topic of economic development.

### Masterplan Steering Committee discuss economic development in Palmer

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PALMER – On Aug. 25, the Palmer Masterplan Steering Committee held their second meeting, highlighting areas for possible economic development in town and talking about areas for improvement.

Dave Golden, chairman of

the committee, acknowledged his concerns about economic vitality within Palmer.

“We are one of the slowest growing towns in the region,” said Golden. “Having an exit from the highway right here leads to being a commuter town. There’s industrial jobs in the town and the fact that we’re not growing means that something’s not being done right.”

At-large committee member Sean O’Donnell, who works with manufacturing companies, said companies are looking for high, dry, flat areas to develop.

“I know there’s definitely a lot of opportunity in Thorndike Mills and other sites in town to also marry manufacturing industries with the arts in the community,” said O’Donnell. “We have

some people in town who are passionate about that.”

Economic development is defined as “coordinated strategic planning, involving the government, business and community to stimulate long-term investment in sustainable economic growth as explained,” said VHB senior

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## HOLLAND, WALES

### Police awarded grants for COVID-19 response

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HOLLAND/WALES – On Aug. 25, State Rep. Todd M. Smola (R-Warren) announced that the Holland, Sturbridge and Wales police departments have been awarded funding for additional resources to aid in preventing, preparing and responding to COVID-19 related-calls.

The intention of the funding is to assist local agencies with outfitting their staff with personal protective gear, deep cleaning and sanitation equipment, utilizing video technology to conduct hearings remotely and obtaining materials to reconfigure office space to enhance social distancing between workers.

The Holland Police Department has received \$15,365 for overtime hours, PPE, sanitization services and electronic communications signs. The Wales Police Department received \$44,000 for electronic signboards and laptops. Holland will also receive for \$50,000 for mobile signboards, lobby reconfiguration and locking mechanisms at the station.

Holland Chief of Police Bry-

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## HISTORY

### This old house: Inside a historic South Main Street home

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PALMER – A South Main Street property which was once home to some of the first settlers of Palmer was sold earlier this year.

Photographer and former owner, Madeline Duval, who lived in the house with her husband for 40 years until February of this year, said that while she already misses living there, she considers herself lucky to have called the property at 1257 S. Main St. home.

“In 1979 I was looking for a palace to put my studio and it was for sale, so I went and looked at it and decided this is perfect,” Duval said. “And I was honored to be the caretaker. We don’t ever really own anything, do we? We just take care of it until the next person comes along.”

Duval said she was particularly



Turley Publications staff photo by Elise Linscott

1257 S. Main St. in Palmer.

drawn to the high ceilings, which allowed for plenty of natural light in portraits, as well as the large yard.

She converted the more than 3,000 square-foot house from a two-family back to its original sin-

gle-family structure. She brought in designers to decorate the house with wallpaper, furniture and vintage pieces in a style similar to when it

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## COMMUNITY

### ‘She Loves Police:’ Dakota Matthew visits Palmer, Brimfield police

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PALMER/BRIMFIELD – Ten-year-old Dakota Matthews has been on a mission since 2017 to visit every police department in the state. Last month, that included Palmer and Brimfield.

Matthews, a resident of Haverhill, Mass., had a seizure caused by a fall at age 4. When she woke up, she was surrounded by police; that’s when her love for police started, according to a 2018 article in the North Andover Eagle Tribune newspaper. At the time the article was published, when Matthews was just eight years old, she had visited 57 departments, and said she hopes to visit the rest in the state by the time she turns 13.

Matthews and her mother visited the Palmer police on Aug. 19 to meet and take photos with officers.

“We feel privileged to be able to help Dakota in her journey to meet a police officer in every city



Photos courtesy of the Palmer Police Department Facebook page

Dakota Matthews with members of the Palmer Police Department.

and town of Massachusetts,” the Palmer Police Department wrote on its Facebook page. “Dakota is on a mission to visit all 351 police departments across the state to show her appreciation and support

for the police. We are number 194. Thank you to Dakota and her mom for all that they do support Police. YOU ARE OUR HERO DAKOTA!”

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# Greene House Productions prepares for tag sale fundraiser



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THREE RIVERS — Greene Room Productions, a non-profit theater known for its dedication to providing educational and cultural opportunities for children and adults through the performing arts, hopes to return to the stage in 2021.

To fundraise during the coronavirus shutdown, which has canceled many performances throughout the country, the group is currently preparing for a tag sale, scheduled for Sept. 12 and 13.

According to their website, Greene Room Productions offers after-school programs for individuals, ages three through college, that provide lessons on how to be leaders, work hard, respect others, be creative and present themselves to world in a confident and positive way. The company also works with adults too, providing them programs such as State Management 101 and Improv. Along with these programs, GRP also typically produces an outdoor theatre experience in October and traditional main-stage produc-

tion in the springtime.

Erin Wallace, Executive Director of GRP said the St. Stans Polish Club, where the tag sale will take place, is usually where they will have their inventory and also sell costumes and prop.

"They've been really awesome about letting us rent space from them," said Wallace. "We've been there for a pretty long time and the space is so jam packed at this point. We have this amazing costume collection that has vintage clothing. We also have a huge amount of Halloween costumes, something that we would not actually use, but was donated to us. We're just going to be selling those things off."

Wallace also said they have tons of vintage shoes, vintage jewelry and other items. As for why this page sale is happening, on of which is related to quarantining, because of COVID-19. "We haven't been able to run our business and the overhead costs are just eating away, so we're just looking for ways to make money during this time," said Wallace. "This is a perfect opportunity, because we have so many

costumes up there that we can't fit anymore, so we're just pulling stuff out that kind of on the wild side and keeping the stuff that I wouldn't be able to find every day."

Wallace said she will provide items in GRP's possession get to go into "happy hands."

"It breaks my heart to get rid of stuff, but as long as it's going to good use and to people who are going to have a lot of fun with it, that's fine with me," said Wallace. "I'm really happy to make more room in our space, because right now, it is really hard to keep anything organized because we have so much in there."

The tag sale, located at 2114 Main St., Three Rivers, will take place on Sept. 12 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sept 13 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Masks and social distancing will also be required. Those interested in learning more about GRP can go online at <http://www.greeneroomproductions.com>, call (413)668-7284 or send an email to [GreeneRoomProductions@gmail.com](mailto:GreeneRoomProductions@gmail.com).

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planner and project manager Luke Mitchell.

The first key point of economic development is to be ambitious, yet realistic, Mitchell said.

"When it comes to coming up with economic development strategies, you really have to think big in terms of what can Palmer become," said Mitchell. "At the same time, you have to remain consistent of the constraints within which that transformation is going to take place in order for the strategy be effective."

Sustainable economic development initiatives require a long timeframe, while initiatives must remain flexible and adaptive. The development is driven primarily by investors and developers, while government agencies establish the rules and set the table, Mitchell said. The main goals of economic development include job creation, tax revenue and improved quality of life.

The committee also discussed the results of public surveys that were issued to town organizations and residents.

The first question, which asked how big of a challenge economic vitality/employment is in the Town of Palmer, 56.96% said they find it very challenging, 36.29% found it somewhat challenging and 5.7% found it not challenging.

Also, 52.32% of voters found

the challenge of Palmer being visually appealing very challenging and 57.59% of voters found vibrancy of commercial centers for the town very challenging.

The majority of voters said they'd like to see future economic development with small retail, large retail, restaurant and light industrial ventures.

After the findings and current conditions were discussed, committee members reviewed potential issues and opportunities for economic development.

Issues committee members noted included commercial vacancies, blighted conditions and deteriorating infrastructure, lack of clearly defined "clusters" and economic generators in flood zones.

Opportunities included the town having a strong industrial base, development-ready sites, potential expansion of passenger rail service and untapped tourism potential.

Participants were also given the chance to speak and offer their thoughts. Attendee Chris Smith told the committee she thinks the town's

planning board should be engaged and involved with any changes that will be made in town.

The next step for the Masterplan is the Economic Development Roundtable, tentatively scheduled for Sept. 10.

Town representatives and individuals affiliated with economic development organizations, businesses in Palmer, property owners and real estate professionals have been selected to participate in the roundtable.

During the roundtable meeting, the committee will talk about draft goals, actions and strategies and an economic development "element" of the Palmer Master Plan.

The next public meeting, which includes Public Facilities/Services and Historic/Cultural Resources on Sept. 24. To watch the entirety of the meeting and learn more about the masterplan.



## Monson Planning Board to review 96 Main St. plans Tuesday

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MONSON — On Sept. 15, the town's planning board will review plans for a controversial commercial property proposed for 96 Main St.

Residents have spoken out

against the proposed project during several meetings this summer, citing concerns including traffic safety, as well as the scope and nature of the commercial project on a historic Academy Hill site, among others.

The hearing was continued without discussion at the board's

last meeting on Aug. 18.

The meeting will start at 7 p.m. and will be live streamed on Zoom. Login information is available on the meeting agenda on the Town of Monson's website.

## Lions show support for local police

MONSON/HOLLAND — Massachusetts Lions District Zone 6 Chairperson Donald Fortin, and CST Curt Jameson met with Chief of Police Bryan Haughey to present 25 face shields to the Holland Police Department.

With a grant from the Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF), Massachusetts Lions District 33A Leadership have partnered with the Harvard Lions Club and many other local District 33A Lions Clubs in a service initiative to manufacture and distribute 1,500 high quality, NIH-approved face shields for community first responders and frontline workers.

"The Lions motto is 'We serve,' so it is an honor to assist those who serve at-risk populations in the towns comprising and surrounding our district," club members said.

"If you want to make new friends while having fun and serving your local community, check out your local Lions Club for their fundraising and service events. Our club members are all volunteers and our clubs are part of Lions Clubs International (LCIF) which is a non-profit organization. Every donation made to LCIF is applied toward our global programs."

For more information about Lions Club International, visit [lionsclubs.org](http://lionsclubs.org).



Submitted photo  
Monson Lions Club: Curt Jameson, Monson Fire Chief Brian Haughey and Don Fortin.

## American Legion to host 9/11 ceremony

PALMER — American Legion Post 130 will host a 9/11 ceremony and Paver Dedication on Friday, Sept. 11. The ceremony will be held at Fire Services Group, 1010 Thorndike Street in Palmer at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited and asked to observe pandemic guidelines by wearing face covering and observing social distancing. For further information, contact 283-6448.

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students will begin remote learning Sept. 14. None of the 12 COVID-19 cases are current students or employees.

"There are many people who have pending test results and who are self-quarantining," Clarke wrote. "We cannot and will not take the chance that a person who attended a party or was exposed to someone who is carrying the virus enters our school buildings."

Staff returned to schools in a staggered schedule Wednesday to gather resources and technology needs for remote learning, according to the letter, and materials are being delivered to students' homes Sept. 9 and 10.

"(Postponing) was the right move, it's just disappointing, as a working mother who's trying to get a schedule down," Flynn said. "But this situation has been fluid from the beginning, we know that. Now, we're seeing that play out in real time."

Families with questions regarding health and safety can reach out to Nurse Leader Karen Fedora at [fedorak@monsonschools.com](mailto:fedorak@monsonschools.com).

## Palmer compost area summer schedule

PALMER — The compost area will be opened the third Saturday in July, August and September to afford town residents the opportunity to drop off leaves and grass clippings at the compost area off of Old Warren Road Palmer. Please place leaves and grass clippings in brown paper bags and do not drop off and place up against gate. Reminder: Please practice social distancing. Any questions, please call the DPW at (413) 283-2615.

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was originally built and restored the original tin ceiling while keeping the Vermont marble fireplaces and wide-plank pine floors.

She also repainted the exterior of the Italianate-style home in its original Alexandria beige color, after finding it buried beneath many layers of newer paint.

"I wanted to have it be in the feeling of the 1800's and so I kept all of that, like the big staircase in the front," Duval said. "I never wanted to change much of anything in there because I wanted to maintain its antiquity."

Duval said one of the most stunning features is an interior second-floor balcony, which looks down onto the first floor. The house also has a deacon's cabinet, where brandy would be stored in case the deacon or minister visited.

Around the year 1760, Deacon Thomas King built an expansive two-story house with a farm on the large South Main Street. He was the son of John King, who was the first settler of Palmer, according to a 1912 article in the Palmer Journal.

The family continued to be successful; one Thomas King, who was born in 1800, was elected to the Georgia State Senate, then to the national House of Representatives, where he served six more terms. He was captain of the naval committee while in congress, according to the 1912 article.

Descendants of the King family lived on the land for several decades, then deeded the farm and homestead to naval Capt. A. V. Dewey in 1836, stipulating that the King residents who were still living there, Lucy and Mary, would be allowed a life-long lease. They both died of old age in 1840.

Dewey came to Palmer from Becket, according to the article. In 1839, Dewey moved part of the house to another site in Palmer, which was converted into the Western Railroad House hotel and later the Weeks House, which burned down on Aug. 3, 1891.

One large section of the original house was moved to Dublin Street and was owned by the Finerty family, but it also burned down, years before the 1912 article.

The house that stands on the site today was built in 1853 by then-owner William C. Child, who married Dewey's daughter, Emily.

Given the house's age, it hasn't had many owners, Duval said. In 1912, the house was sold to Fred Bressette, and the Bressette family continued to live there until Duval bought the property, she said.

While living there, she said she enjoyed finding unique features like ice door at the back of the house, leading to a small room where the ice man would come and put the ice in through the door. It also had a summer kitchen at one time, which was separated from the main part of the house so it wouldn't heat up the rest of the home while cooking during hot summer months.

Duval and her husband moved to West Springfield earlier this year, where she still runs her photography business.

# Country Bank celebrates 170 years



Country Bank turns 170 this year, having been started in 1850. Here is the original bank building when it began as Ware Savings Bank.

WARE – It was March 1850. Millard Fillmore was still working through his first 100 days in office as the 13th President of the United States, although no one was probably counting the days back then. In six months, California joined the Union as its 31st state, taking the country from coast-to-coast and Ware Savings Bank was incorporated under the laws of the commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Thus, the first chapter in the 170-year history of Country Bank was written. There have been a number of important chapters written since, including the incorporation of Palmer Savings Bank in 1870, and the merger of those two institutions in 1981 to form Country Bank for Savings (later shortened to simply Country Bank). Paul Scully, the bank's current president, noted that many things have changed at this institution over those 170 years, everything from its footprint, which now stretches from Ludlow to Worcester, with 14 branches and 23 ATM/ITM locations, to how people do their banking.

What's more significant to him, and all members of the Country Bank team, is what hasn't changed in that time. Specifically, it's a commitment to the customers, communities and staff that sets this institution apart. In short, what hasn't changed is this remains a community bank in every sense of that phrase.

"What we are celebrating is the Bank's support for those who have been right there with us along the way," said Scully. "And we're celebrating our independence in being a mutual savings bank, and one of the most highly capitalized banks in the commonwealth." This rich history of support prompted the bank to assume a leadership role during times of crisis, and there have

been many over the past 170 years, perhaps none more significant than the COVID-19 pandemic.

Over the last several months, the bank has stepped up to assist its commercial and consumer customers impacted by the virus and resulting economic downturn. "Every customer matters, regardless of their deposit balance, and we're here to help them



Courtesy photos  
Country Bank President Paul Scully said the bank, now with 14 branches, will focus on continuing its strong track record and building upon it.

achieve their dreams or navigate through rough waters," he said.

None have been rougher than those generated by the pandemic, he noted, adding that the bank has written 475 Payment Protection Plan loans in amounts ranging from \$1,500 to \$2 million and helped many commercial and mortgage borrowers. "It's the premise of why community banking and Country Bank exist," he said. "Since the start of the pandemic, the bank has donated over \$450,000 to COVID- related



The inside of the original Ware Savings Bank, which then became Country Bank for Savings after merging with the Palmer Savings Bank in 1981.

relief efforts along with an additional \$400,000 to other local nonprofits. For the past 170 years, the bank has operated with the belief that healthy communities thrive; recognizing it has not only an opportunity but a responsibility

establish a habit of thrift among young savers;

- 1945: The first home loan to a veteran of World War II was made under the G.I. Bill of Rights;
- 1982: The first ATM was installed;
- 2017: The Boston Business Journal first recognized the bank for its charitable donations; and
- 2019: Country Bank became a founding member of the Worcester Wool Sox.

These milestones collectively speak to the notion of what a community bank is, or should be, and that legacy is being celebrated as this institution turns 170. "Behind the individual milestones is a consistent pattern of service to the community," Scully said.

A legacy of caring

When asked how the bank would mark its 170th birthday, Scully said there would be "subtle" celebrations. "We're not big on tooting our own horn on things," he said, adding there would be themed events in the fall celebrating its 170th birthday, and the staff and customers who have been a part of our legacy. Rather than celebrate with lots of hoopla, the bank is far more focused on continuing, and building upon, its strong track record.

"It's a significant milestone that you can't take lightly," he said. "For all of us who are associated with the organization, we are given the challenge, and opportunity, to maintain a legacy: a legacy of supporting those in need and helping customers achieve their financial goals and dreams, whatever they may be. And that's what is being celebrated as this institution turns 170."

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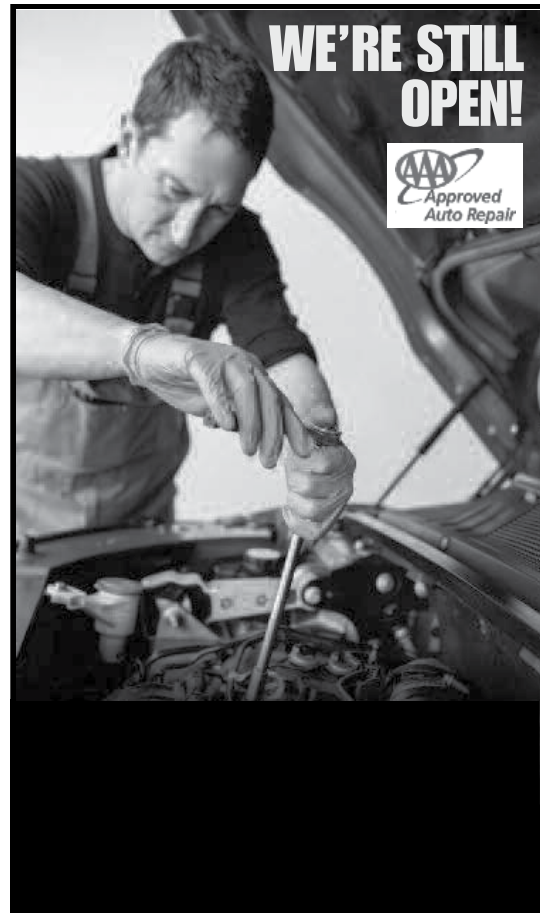


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# Viewpoints

## Responsible recreation: How sportsmen and women continue to set an example in the age of social distancing

By Anne M. Gobi, State Senator  
David Vieira, State Representative

The COVID-19 pandemic has ushered in many changes to which we must all adjust. Phrases like “self-quarantine” and “social distancing,” rarely used or completely unheard of several months ago, are now a part of our daily vocabulary. As we adjust to this “new normal,” America’s sportsmen and women, a group that I am proud to represent as a member of the Massachusetts Legislative Sportsmen’s Caucus, have found a way to pursue their outdoor passions while much of the world seemingly stood still. By participating in outdoor activities like hunting, fishing, and recreational shooting, sportsmen and women are setting an example for those looking for safe and responsible recreational opportunities.

While millions of Americans have been forced to limit their travels due to mandatory stay-at-home orders, activities like hunting, fishing, recreational shooting, and many other outdoor activities have provided an outlet for Americans to safely recreate as they can be enjoyed while practicing social distancing and adhering to other COVID-19 safety guidelines. As restrictions start to ease, Americans are flocking to the woods, waters, fields, and trails to take advantage of our outdoor resources, with many discovering nature’s wonders for the first time.

This newfound interest in outdoor recreation represents an invaluable opportunity to introduce American’s to activities like hunting and fishing and the vital role sportsmen and women play in conservation. In addition to the numerous documented mental and physical health benefits gained through these activities, maintaining access to hunting and fishing opportunities gives Americans a chance to procure their own locally-sourced meat. Due to many of the impacts of COVID-19, this ability to be self-reliant is at a premium. With all of this in mind, these unprecedented times represent a chance for a new generation of sportsmen and women to discover the passion that many of us already share. Be it through scouting for upcoming fall hunting seasons, or landing that first largemouth bass, now is the time to lead by example and plant the seeds for the next generation of sportsmen and women.

Increased participation in hunting, fishing, and recreational shooting has enormous conservation benefits as well through the American System of Conservation Funding. This “user pays-public benefits” approach relies on the sale of hunting and fishing licenses and self-imposed excise taxes on firearms, ammunition, archery equipment, fishing tackle, and motorboat fuel to fund many state fish and wildlife management agencies. In addition, these activities support local economies which, during these unprecedented times, has become incredibly important. In fact, recent surveys report that Massachusetts’ 538,000 hunters and anglers spent \$626 million while pursuing their outdoor passions.

Unfortunately, the ability of America’s sportsmen and women to participate in their outdoor endeavors were not uniformly protected as statewide orders were announced. In fact, several states saw actions that hindered or even eliminated the ability to participate in our treasured outdoor traditions. While largely enacted in an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19, these actions severely limited our outdoor opportunities without any measurable increase in public safety. To ensure that such restrictive actions are not used again, it is up to sportsmen and women to practice responsible recreation, showing by example that our outdoor pursuits can be performed safely. This can be accomplished by following a few simple guidelines:

- Plan ahead - purchase licenses and park passes online, if available;
- Recreate close to home;
- Adhere to best practices for avoiding COVID-19;
- Follow state and federal guidelines;
- Pack out your trash as a courtesy to others and to avoid the appearance of overuse; and
- Share your adventures in a respectful way on social media outlets.

To learn more about how others are using these challenging times as an opportunity to spend more time outdoors, search for #ResponsibleRecreation on social media. Likewise, for more information on recreating responsibly, or to take the Responsible Recreation pledge and help lead by example, visit [www.responsible-recreation.org](http://www.responsible-recreation.org).

### PEOPLE/MILESTONE NEWS

As a free service for our readers, we will print all births, weddings, engagements, milestone anniversaries, major birthdays, military achievements, honors and awards. We have a “people news” form available for you to submit these listings. This material is provided to us by our readers and local institutions and we do not charge to print this content.

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## Curing properly secures your harvest

My onions had begun to fall over at least three weeks ago. I have been so busy that I didn’t harvest them yet. Do I cure them in the hot sun or in the shade? I’ve forgotten. Why don’t we revisit the significance of curing onions and other vegetables that are typically stored over the winter? If this important step is overlooked, we will likely be disappointed by produce that spoils long before it should have. Curing not only hardens the outer skin of the vegetable, it also finishes the ripening process of the flesh.

As for my onions, both the hot sun and the shade scenarios were found to be accurate. When three-quarters of the onion tops have fallen over push down the rest and let them sit in the ground a little while longer. Then, unearth the bulbs and lay them, tops and all, on the ground in the sun, turning occasionally. When they turn completely brown cut the stems to one inch and spread them on screens single file in a warm and dry, well-ventilated area to cure further. They can rest in that location for up to two months, then store at temperatures close to 40 degrees. Store apples, bananas and tomatoes away from onions, as these vegetables excrete ethylene gas as they ripen, causing onions to sprout prematurely. Use bulbs that have two centers first, they won’t store well. It is interesting to note that the same compound that starts the tears flowing when we cut into onions- sulfur, is also a potent fungicide and bactericide. No wonder they store so well!

Potatoes are perhaps the most tricky vegetable to store. Curing them properly will help to prevent rot, premature sprouting and toxic greening of the skin and flesh. By waiting a week or more after the plant has died before digging up the tubers, the skins will thicken and be less prone to injury during harvest. Once they are dug, a week spent in a cool and totally dark space will further firm their skin and change sugars to starch, com-

pleting the ripening process. Never wash potatoes prior to storage! Gently brush off dirt and store in a single layer in the darkness at 55 to 60 degrees. Darkness will prevent greening, which renders potatoes inedible. Use any pitch-forked or shovel-marked spuds first, as damage to the skin will invite rot.

Harvest winter squash after vines have died back or prior to an impending frost. A pretty New England autumn scene is fields of pumpkins or colorful squash curing under sunny skies. If you follow the farmers lead just be sure to lift squash off the ground, and cover if rain or frost threatens. Two weeks in the field or a sunny, well-ventilated space is sufficient for curing, at which point the skin should be hard enough to resist the dent of a fingernail. Gently washing squash in a 10% bleach solution will help to prevent rot prior to storing at temperatures between 50 and 60 degrees. The flavor of many of our favorite squashes only improves with age.

I harvested my garlic three or four weeks ago; the signal was that one third of its foliage has withered and browned. It was dried stems and all in a shady, protected spot up off of the ground. Soon I’ll gently rub off dirt and cut back the stems to a couple of inches before storing for the winter in a cool and dry location, in mesh bags, slatted trays or other methods. Softneck types of garlic have pliable foliage that lends itself well to braiding. In any case, allowing for good air circulation will ensure a long storage life.

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## In My Backyard

By Ellenor Downer

Last week, I had to stop on two different occasions to let wild turkey hens and their polts cross the road. Both times the turkeys included several hens with their broods.

There was a time when wild turkeys no longer existed in the state. A reintroduction of these native birds proved successful. Now, people see wild turkeys on a regular basis.

The wild turkey is easily identified by its turkey shape and large size, 36 to 49 inches. Its body is brown and iridescent. The head is naked. The male or Tom is larger and more iridescent than the female. The male also has a beard, a tuft of hair like feathers on its breast. The female usually lacks the beard, but there are some bearded hens.

Wild turkeys inhabit open forest, forest edges and wooded swamps. They feed on the ground eating nuts, acorns and seeds. They also eat grains, vegetation, insects, frogs and lizards.

The hen turkey lays six to 20 eggs with buff marks placed in a nest placed in a natural or scraped depression on the ground. The hen lines the nest with leaves and grasses. The females raise the young.

Wild turkeys make gobbling, yelping and clucking noises. In courtship, the male struts and gobbles with its tail feathers fanned. The female responds with a yelping call. Males may mate with many females during the breeding season.

Bear with two cubs

Last week, about two hours before I saw a flock of hens and their polts, I saw a black bear female with two cubs cross in about the same area of the road. I was glad to be in my car and not walking along the road. There were two cars behind me. One car pulled off the road on the side the trio entered a wooded area. The driver most likely hoped to see them again as they walked in the woods.

A talked to a resident of the area and she said she has seen two females each with two cubs.

Cardinal in the sun

Last week, a male cardinal landed on a fallen hemlock in my backyard. He perched on a branch in full sunlight. His red feathers and black marks on the face stood out in the sunlight.

Great blue heron

I still see a great blue heron at Long Pond in Rutland. He is either near shore or wading in a shallow part of the pond farther from shore.

Hummingbirds

The ruby-throated hummingbirds are still here. They visit my nectar feeders frequently. I continue to clean and fill the two feeders every other day. I recently purchased a top filling nectar feeder. It is so much easier to clean than the other feeder that I have.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100 or emailing [mybackyard88@aol.com](mailto:mybackyard88@aol.com) or [edowner@turley.com](mailto:edowner@turley.com).

## Letters to the Editor

### Neighbors concerned about plans for Dollar General in Monson

To the Editor

As many readers are aware, outside developers have proposed building a Dollar General store on top of historic Academy Hill in Monson. Thousands signed a petition against it, dozens of letters have been written to the town opposing it, and over a hundred people attended a peaceful and informative rally. This is not the vision residents of Monson have for our beautiful town. A dressed up Butler building here would forever ruin this residential neighborhood and the heart of Monson generally. The proposed development does not meet multiple requirements of Monson Zoning Bylaws, including: S5.2.1.3-“to protect rural character, aesthetic visual qualities, and property values”; S7.3.8.1-“proposed use should be suitably located in the neighborhood in which proposed “; S7.3.8.6-“proposal will not create traffic congestion or impact pedestrian safety”; S7.4.6.3-“proposed buildings shall relate harmoniously to each other with adequate light, air, circulation, and separation between buildings”; and S5.1.4-“no use shall be permitted to produce excessive, offensive or harmful odors, fumes or vibration.”

The sharp corner and steep hill are already unsafe for both vehicles and pedestrians. Semi-trucks and increased traffic pulling in/out there would be a disaster. This residential neighborhood has houses as close as 24’ from the proposed 19’ high wall and dumpster. Terrible location for a Dollar General which has a reputation for poor cleanliness, upkeep, and general neglect.

We strongly urge the members of the Monson Planning Board to deny this proposed application based on Town Bylaws, and to protect our town from unwanted and ruinous projects.

Robert and Carolyn Horacek, Monson

### SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

## Should we get married or just live together?

By Russell Gloor  
Guest columnist

**Dear Rusty:** My question is about benefits and getting married. I am a retired man, 65-years-old, and collecting Social Security plus two pensions. My girlfriend will turn 62 this October and plans to apply for Social Security benefits on her 62nd birthday. If we were to get married, would we be affected money wise? Or should we just live together? Signed: Contemplating Marriage

**Dear Contemplating Marriage:** Your own Social Security benefit will not be affected in any way if you get married, unless your potential new bride is a very high earner and her Social Security entitlement at her full retirement age (which is 66 years and 8 months) is more than twice the full benefit amount you were entitled to at your full retirement age (even though you claimed your benefits earlier). In that case, you would become eligible for a spousal benefit from your new wife after you are married for one year.

If, however, your potential bride is the lower earner and claims at 62, but is entitled to a Social Security benefit at her full retirement age, which is less than 50% of your FRA benefit amount, your new wife may be entitled to a “spousal boost” from you after you are married for a year. I cannot tell you the answer to those questions without knowing your respective benefit amounts at each of your full retirement ages.

You may also wish to consider potential survivor benefits. If you are married and one spouse dies, the surviving spouse is entitled to 100% of the amount the deceased spouse was collecting at their death, if the surviving spouse has reached full retirement age (otherwise the survivor benefit is reduced for claiming it early). The surviving spouse gets the survivor benefit if that benefit is more than they are entitled to on their own.

In any case, neither of you would be eligible for a Social Security spousal benefit or survivor benefit from the other unless you are married (you must be married for at least one year to get a spousal benefit and at least nine months for a survivor benefit).

Note that so-called “common law” marriage isn’t recognized in most U.S. states, and Social Security goes by state law on that topic. The only states which currently recognize common law marriage are Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Montana, New Hampshire, South Carolina, Texas, and Utah (and the District of Columbia). So, unless you were to live in one of those states, or in D.C., cohabiting would not be considered a “marriage” for the purposes of Social Security benefits, and no spousal or survivor benefits would be available to either of you.

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*Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.*

## Election letters to the editor welcome

The *Journal Register* welcomes readers to participate in this year’s election campaigns by writing letters to the editor for publication on these pages. Letters of up to 250 words from local residents endorsing candidates on the ballot or discussing campaign issues should be sent to The Journal Register, care of Turley Publications, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069, faxed to 413-289-1977 or emailed to [dfarmer@turley.com](mailto:dfarmer@turley.com). Please include a daytime telephone number for verification purposes (it will not be printed). Letters must be received by noon Monday to be considered for that Thursday’s newspaper. No attack letters will be printed. No letters written by candidates supporting their own candidacy will be printed. If the volume of letters received is larger than the space available in the newspaper, or if the letters become repetitive, the newspaper reserves the right to print a representative sample. No endorsement letters will be printed in the last edition before the election.

For more information, call editor Elise Linscott at 413-283-8393.

### Campaign news

As part of its election coverage, the newspaper plans to print stories about contested races for Congress, state Senate, state House, district attorney and Governor’s Council during the weeks leading up to the election, as well as a question-and-answer voters guide. In order to ensure fairness to all candidates, no political press releases will be printed, nor will reporters cover political rallies or fundraisers.

Candidates who wish to further publicize their candidacy, beliefs and events may contact Lisa Marulli, 413-283-8393 or [lmarrulli@turley.com](mailto:lmarrulli@turley.com), about paid advertising in The Journal Register.

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Letters to the editor should be 250 words or less in length, and guest columns between 500-800 words. No unsigned or anonymous opinions will be published. We require that the person submitting the opinion also include his or her town of residence and home telephone number. We must confirm authorship prior to publication. We reserve the right to edit or withhold any submissions deemed to be libelous, unsubstantiated allegations, personal attacks, or defamation of character.

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Dakota Matthews visited the Palmer Police Department in August as part of her mission to visit every police department in the state.



Dakota Matthews and her mother made stop #205 on her journey at the Brimfield Police Department.

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"I think more officers would have come outside but I bet they were afraid to violate the social gathering order," Matthews' mother wrote on the Facebook page she runs for Dakota, called 'She Loves Police.' "Just kidding! It was exciting to see all of you! Be Safe."

After visiting several more local departments, including Springfield, Granby, Belchertown, Ware and others, Matthews and her mother made stop #205 at the Brimfield Police Department.

"Number 205, Brimfield Police Department - when you can't find the PD because the GPS brings you to their old station, you just stop and ask for help," Matthews' mother wrote in a Facebook post. Thank you Officer Demetrian for being at the right place at the right time and giving mom great directions!"

Matthews' Facebook page, She Loves Police, has more than 10,000 followers.

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an C. Haughey, said the majority of the funds are to be utilized to purchase a "portable changeable message sign (PCMS)."

"This will be very helpful to the citizens of Holland and will provide town officials with another public messaging tool," said Haughey. "The unit is an electronic, solar powered message board attached to a trailer that can display custom messages from our officials. The device can be utilized to provide the public with information and instruction concerning a specific incident or hazard, such as, a public safety emergency, a public health risk or a severe weather event."

Haughey also said the PCMS will be very helpful with altering the public in "matters of health and personal safety and will allow us to provide updates on advisories and orders distributed by the Governor and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health concerning COVID19."

"Having mobility will allow us to easily move the sign to different locations throughout town and will in turn allow us to make use of the sign for a variety of different circumstances, to include the ability to alert the public to other potential dangers such as road and traffic hazards or a fire or police operation," said Haughey. "I firmly believe that Information sharing between public safety personnel and the community is vital to personal safety as well as crime prevention. These funds will allow us to

strengthen our communication method with the public even more."

At the Wales Police Department, Police Chief Earl Dessert said they applied for the grant after finding they were unable to meet remotely as a team.

"The department has ancient, outdated equipment, so we couldn't do it," said Dessert. "One of the goals is to be able to meet remotely and attend meetings, not only with members, but also for remotely learning. We'll have access to that which we have not had."

He said the signboards will be used to display emergency or general messages to the public and can be programmed remotely. Since he considers Wales to be a small town, Dessert said any other town department, such as the DPW who might need assistance in their work, will have access to these resources.

"Whatever we can use them for to help the community is what we'll use them for," said Dessert. "If we end up with any extra laptops and if the fire chief (John Croke) needs any from me, they are certainly welcome to use them."

The grants are part of the CESFP (Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program) and were awarded to communities by the Massachusetts Office of Public Safety and Security.

"These grants are well deserved and will help our local officers as they serve our community under exceptionally challenging circumstances," Smola said in a statement. "These upgrades will help them be better protected on the job."

## Rays of Hope – Walk & Run Toward the Cure of Breast Cancer continues with Hybrid Virtual Challenge 2020

*Special events planned on Oct. 25*

SPRINGFIELD – Until there is a cure for breast cancer, "hope" will never be canceled, even in the face of the unprecedented coronavirus pandemic.

Twenty-seven years ago Rays of Hope made history with the first Rays of Hope Walk Toward the Cure of Breast Cancer, and this October another chapter is being added with the first Rays of Hope Walk & Run Toward the Cure of Breast Cancer Hybrid Virtual Challenge 2020.

"Our first priority is the health and safety of our community, including the Rays of Hope family," said Kathy Tobin, director of Annual Giving and Events for Baystate Health Foundation. "Now more than ever, cancer survivors need our support and we cannot afford to stop the important research funded by this event. We are excited to offer this creative, twist on our annual gathering so that we can continue to spread hope, especially during the COVID-19

pandemic."

Participants can register as an individual, create or join a team. This year there is a \$30 registration fee, which includes a collectible Rays of Hope 2020 t-shirt.

This year, participants can walk or run wherever and whenever you choose from now through October. Maps and directions to replicate the traditional Rays of Hope routes are available on the ROH website. To get you into the "pink groove" while logging miles, listen to an inspiring, free playlist on Spotify or Youtube.

On Oct. 25, there will be an innovative new drive-through Parade of Hope from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. for registered participants. The event will be held at Baystate Health's 361 Whitney Avenue facility in Holyoke.

With their ROH Registration displayed on the dashboard, participants will drive under the iconic Golden Years' sponsored Pink Arch. Images and messages of hope will be displayed on the Pink Jumbotron, sponsored by Radiology & Imaging, as they

drive the route. A radio station will entertain during the drive and there will be a traditional water stop along the route. The drive-through Parade of Hope offers participants the opportunity to pick up their 2020 t-shirt. "Big wigs," who raise \$1,000 or more online, can pick up their special goodie bags. Breast Cancer survivors will also receive a gift from the Pink Hope Lounge.

At noon, following the parade, there will be an online Pink Celebration. The event will feature 2020 Rays of Hope Chairs Al and Jackie Rodriguez, as well as Rays of Hope founder Lucy Giuggio Carvalho and a hopeful message from Dr. Grace Makari-Judson, chair, Baystate Health Breast Network, and co-director of the Rays of Hope Center for Breast Cancer Research. There will also be entertainment, a salsa lesson and more online fun.

"We are a blended family, all the people who participate, donate, walk or run – we all make up the Rays of Hope family. And, family means no one faces breast cancer alone. Al and

I are proud to be the chairs for this year's virtual challenge and we invite you to join our family to support Rays of Hope," said Rays of Hope co-chair Jackie Rodriguez.

All Rays of Hope funds remain local to support breast cancer survivors in western Massachusetts, the Rays of Hope Center for Breast Cancer Research and local community programs.

This year's Rays of Hope major sponsors include Baystate Breast & Wellness Center, Baystate Breast Specialists, Radiology & Imaging, Golden Years Home Care Services, Kinsley Power Systems, USA Waste & Recycling Inc. and Zasco Productions. A listing of all sponsors can be found on the Rays of Hope website. All Baystate Health Foundation events are underwritten by Health New England.

For more information about this year's Rays of Hope event, call 413-794-8001 or visit Rays of Hope Walk & Run Toward the Cure of Breast Cancer Hybrid Virtual Challenge 2020.

## Girl Scouts offer free in-person and virtual Animal Dance Parties to Central and Western Massachusetts girls

*The events are free and open to all girls new to Girl Scouts, in kindergarten through fourth grade*

HOLYOKE/WORCESTER – Girl Scouts of Central & Western Massachusetts (GSCWM) is hosting free Animal Dance Parties to introduce girls in kindergarten through fourth grade to the world of Girl Scouts. Girls might imagine themselves as a bird, a bug, or an elephant as

they learn about animals and move their bodies. It's a free and fun way for girls and their families to get to know Girl Scouts.

Parents or caregivers can choose an in-person date at one of four Girl Scout camps or either Girl Scout Leadership Center or any one of six virtual parties that is convenient for them. In-person events will follow all COVID-19 safety protocols including face coverings and social distancing.

While girls enjoy the party, parents and caregivers get to know the Girl Scout program. Find more information and

RSVP online or call 413-584-2602 or 508-365-0115 with questions.

#### Virtual Animal Dance Parties, from 6 – 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 22  
Thursday, Oct. 1  
Wednesday, Oct. 7  
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Tuesday, Oct. 27

#### In-person Animal Dance Parties

Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. all locations  
Camp Bonnie Brae, Otis:

Sept. 26, Oct. 10 and Oct. 24

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Camp Green Eyrie, Harvard: Sept. 26, Oct. 10 and Oct. 24

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To join or volunteer, visit [www.gscwm.org](http://www.gscwm.org)

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to be the most rewarding part of the job.

"Some of them have said this is the reason why they stayed in school," said Dansereau. "They're such heartfelt stories about how (River East) benefited them both personally and professionally. I've actually mentored some students in my office, and I can see them grown from the beginning of the experience to the end."

Dansereau said one thing

she'll miss most are the connections she's made.

"Some of the students have gotten back to me and kept in touch, so I will miss that," said Dansereau. "I will also miss both career facilitators who work directly with the students to offer them these opportunities. They're really dedicated and such hard handworkers, to make things happen and to provide these opportunities for our students."

She also said she'll miss and appreciate the businesses

that worked with them to give their students the experience.

Amy Scribner, who will be stepping into the role vacated by Dansereau, has a business background in marketing and education and has been working with River East for 10 years. Dansereau said she believes Scribner is qualified to take over.

"Amy is a perfect fit," said Dansereau. "She's got all the qualities to sustain the program moving forward."

Scribner said she is happy to take over this new role and

to run the operations of the non-profit organization.

"I'm looking forward to this new role and helping prepare these young people for the next part of their journey after they graduate," said Scribner.

Now that she has officially closed this chapter, Dansereau said she and her husband Paul Dansereau are planning to spend more time with their friends and their family, specifically their grandchildren.

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# In The Classroom



## HCC announces ‘Flexible Fall’ start dates

HOLYOKE – Given the uncertainty of the times heading into a new school year, Holyoke Community College is offering two “Flexible Fall” start dates in addition to its traditional, fall semester start this week, following Labor Day.

For most students, the fall semester at HCC will begin Tuesday, Sept. 8. For those looking for more flexible academic options, however, HCC is also running two sessions of accelerated, full-credit classes that will begin on Monday, Sept. 28, and Wednesday, Oct. 28.

Sept. 28 start classes will run for 12 weeks. Oct. 28 start classes will run for seven.

All fall courses will conclude by Dec. 16, 2020.

“We know how unsettled everyone’s lives are due to the pandemic, especially the lives of families juggling jobs and childcare and parents who may not yet know where they will be working or where their children will be for school,” said Rachel Rubinstein, HCC vice president of Academic and Student Affairs. “We hope that by offering more flexible fall options that students will be able to find a schedule that works best for them, and that students who need to delay decisions about college can do so without fear that they will miss out on an entire semester.”

The late-start, “Flexible Fall” courses are being offered in accounting, anthropology, biology, business administration, career readiness, communication, education, economics, English, health, math, psychology, sociology, and sustainability.

No matter the start date, all HCC classes this fall are being offered in one of three formats: online, blended remote, and blended face-to-face.

Online courses follow a traditional, asynchronous online model with coursework deadlines established by instructors.

Blended remote courses have both asynchronous online components combined with scheduled class meetings via videoconference platforms such as Zoom.

Blended face-to-face combines blended remote with some in-person instruction on campus. This format is limited to culinary arts and health science programs that require clinical assessments: nursing, radiologic technology, veterinary technician, and medical assistant.

Registrations are still being accepted for all three fall start dates.

For more information or to apply, please visit: [hcc.edu/fall](http://hcc.edu/fall), call 413-552-2321 or send an email to [admissions@hcc.edu](mailto:admissions@hcc.edu)

## STCC offers high school equivalency class with a medical science focus

SPRINGFIELD – For the first time, Springfield Technical Community College this fall will offer a course that helps students get their high school equivalency diploma while introducing them to the field of medical science.

Offered through the Springfield Adult Learning Center at STCC, the class, called HiSET to Medical Sciences, prepares students for the high school equivalency test (HiSET). At the same time, students will learn medical terminology. The class will be offered in three sessions this year with the first beginning Sept. 23. To apply, visit the Adult Basic Education page on the STCC website, [stcc.edu](http://stcc.edu).

Katrina Doolittle, director of the Learning Center, said HiSET to Medical Sciences might spark interest in a health care career or inspire students to continue taking college classes after earning a high school equivalency diploma.

STCC offers an associate degree in health science, which provides the opportunity to explore specialty areas for a career in health care. The college also offers a number of specialized health programs such as diagnostic medical sonography, dental hygiene, and nursing, among others.

“Our HiSET to Medical Sciences class will give an introduction to medical science and help students get on the same level as those who are entering health science programs at STCC,” Doolittle said. “They will be prepared when they take their next step and enroll at STCC. This is a terrific option for students who are highly motivated but don’t have their HiSET yet. I’m really excited about it.”

The Springfield Adult Learning Center is offering the new class in response to workforce demands, said Assistant Vice President of Workforce Development David Buonora.

“Health care is a key workforce area in Western Massachusetts, and the college remains committed to responding to the needs of the region’s employers,” Buonora said. “We know that career opportunities in the health care sector will continue to grow over the next several years. We’re focused on finding new ways to prepare students for these careers.”

The class, which is free for eligible students, will be taught online. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, STCC will offer online classes with a mix of on-campus, low-density labs.

The Learning Center at STCC offers a number of other HiSET/GED options:

- Preparation for the High School Equivalency Test Classes (HiSET/GED)
- Technology Classes (Technology, Digital Literacy and Computer Use)
- College and Career Workshops (Advising and Workforce Readiness Preparation)
- Financial Literacy (explore finances, budgeting and investing while in a HiSET Class)
- Book Club (improve your reading skills while reading in small groups)

## AAA hosts free Virtual Vacation Webinars

WEST SPRINGFIELD – AAA Travel is hosting a new series of virtual vacations to help travelers research and plan their next adventure. These new webinars showcase a variety of destinations for those looking to explore right now or in the future. Participants can interact with leading tour providers and gain more knowledge about travel options.

The Virtual Vacations webinar series schedule includes:

- September 16 - Adventure Travel
- October 1 - Discover Mackinac Island Tour
- October 15 - North American Vacations
- November 10 - Cruise through Alaska
- December 1 - Explore the National Parks
- March 17 - Iceland’s Magical Northern Lights

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## HIGH SCHOOL

### Most schools opting to play with modified rules

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REGION – The “returns” are still early and many more schools will need to vote, but it appears most of the schools in Western Massachusetts are planning to return to action when fall sports are allowed to begin practicing on Sept. 18.

Schedules have yet to be created and finalized for the abbreviated “Fall 1” season, but most schools and their respective school committee have agreed that allowing students to return to their respective fields is good for a possible return to “somewhat” normalcy.

As of Labor Day, Belchertown, Holyoke, Ludlow, Minnechaug Regional, Monson, North Brookfield,

Quabbin Regional, South Hadley, and Ware have confirmed they will be participating in the Fall 1 season.

This means, these schools will field teams in the following sports: boys soccer, girls soccer, field hockey, golf, cross country, and girls volleyball.

In order to be able to participate in these sports, the schools will need to follow a slew of guidelines that have been issued by the state.

There are new sport specific rules, which are subject to change as the schools navigate through the next couple of months, but all sports will have to follow a set of standard guidance which are related to areas such as social distancing, not sharing equipment, enter-

ing and exiting fields, the roles of officials, avoiding contact such as shaking hands, high-fiving, or other types of contact between teammates. There will be no post-game handshakes for the time being and officials are ordered to enter and leave the field, and do not have to sign game forms.

More school committees will be holding votes during the next week following the Labor Day holiday and schools will need to inform their respective leagues within the PVIAC whether or not they will be participating so schedules for the fall season can be developed and finalized.

It is unclear exactly how many games will be played in each individual sport. Soccer and field hockey normally play 16-18 games, and

could fit almost that many with no playoffs.

The MIAA will not sponsor any playoffs, however, depending on how things go, the PVIAC could develop playoffs within leagues. Teams are supposed to be playing in a close geographic range, which will make travel from areas like the Berkshires somewhat difficult in a tournament situation.

As of press time, only Southwick Regional School has publicly reported it will not participate in the Fall 1 season. If it allows fall sports in the Fall 2 season in February, the school could have trouble finding other schools to play by not participating in the Fall 1 season.

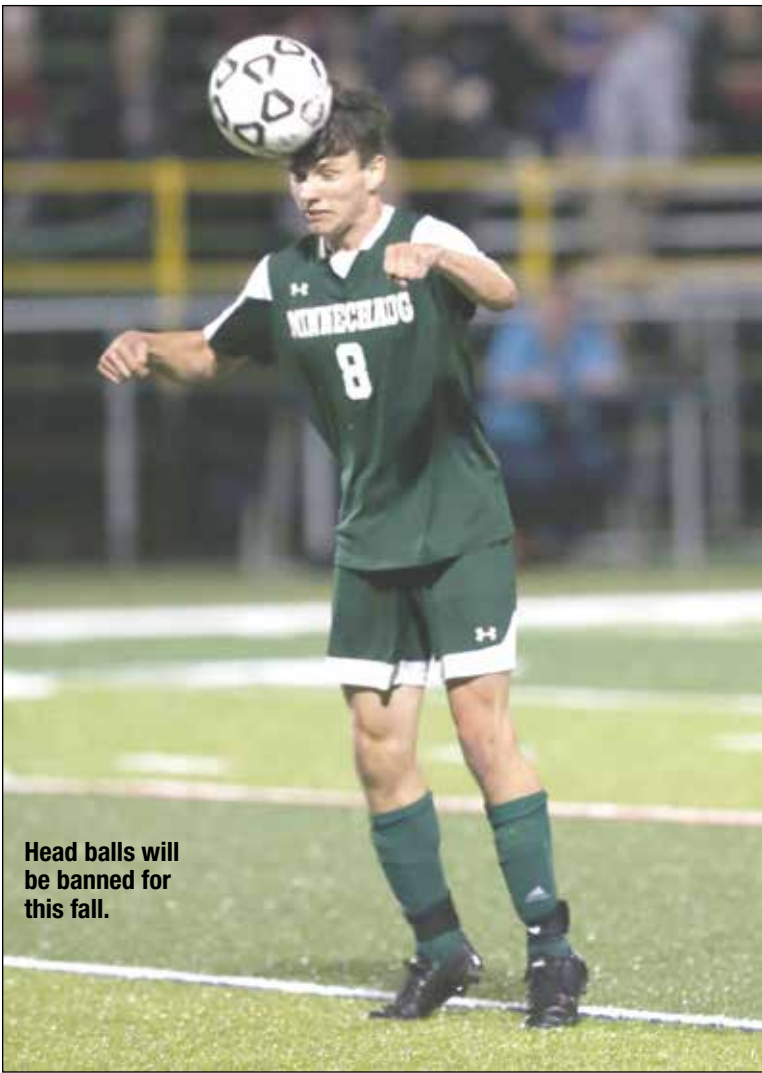
## New season, different rules



Corner kicks will not be a part of soccer this fall due to the avoidance of head balls that result from the kicks.



Players will have to avoid contact like this under revised rules for soccer this fall.



Head balls will be banned for this fall.



File photos

## HIGH SCHOOL

### MIAA makes statement on the fall season

FRANKLIN – The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) COVID-19 Task Force met virtually on August 27, 2020 to review and approve sport modifications for the fall 2020 sport season. The MIAA Board of Directors approved, at their August 19, 2020 meeting, the formal athletic structure for 2020-2021 season, as well as additional Educational Athletic recommendations provided by the Task Force.

These recommendations were developed after months of meetings, discussions, research and collaboration with Massachusetts Governing entities.

MIAA President and Marshfield Superintendent Jeffrey Granatino stated, “It’s exciting that student-athletes and coaches from across the Commonwealth are fi-

nally able to prepare for an actual athletic season. The work that the MIAA COVID-19 Task Force and our individual sports committees put forth will allow for these sports to take place in a fashion that adheres to the safety precautions/modifications that have been recommended by the EEA.”

The MIAA fall season will officially begin on September 18, 2020. The following activities were approved by the Board of Directors for the Fall 1 season: Soccer, Fall Gymnastics, Cross Country, Field Hockey, Girls Volleyball, Swim & Dive, Golf and Dance.

Following this structural approval, individual MIAA sport committee representatives established sport modifications in alignment with guidelines from the Executive Office of Energy

and Environmental Affairs (EEA), Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and the MIAA. These modifications were vetted through the MIAA Sports Medicine Committee (SMC), which includes two epidemiologists who worked with both the EEA and DESE, over a series of three virtual meetings.

The MIAA Task Force unanimously approved all modifications as presented for Fall I Season during yesterday’s sub-committee meeting (8/27/20). These modifications will continue to be reviewed as they relate to current regulations surrounding COVID-19 and may be modified if necessary.

MIAA President Granatino continued, “There’s still a great deal of work to do, but the efforts made to date have been amazing

and are why we are now able to provide our students with an opportunity to take part in activities that they love and miss dearly.”

All participating MIAA member schools are expected to adhere to these sport modifications.

MIAA Executive Director Bill Gaine added, “On behalf of the membership, I enthusiastically advance pride and gratitude to MIAA Task Force members, the MIAA Sports Medicine and sport committee representatives for their valuable contributions in providing a blueprint for MIAA student athletes to participate in educational athletics this fall season. Stakeholders’ participation, guidance and collaboration with DESE and EEA warrant like appreciation.”

## MIAA



Brian Robie takes the win in the main modified race. Submitted photos

### Brian Robie scores big in Modified twin bill at Monadnock

WINCHESTER, N.H. – Modified top gun Brian Robie had a huge night Saturday, Sept. 5, at Monadnock Speedway.

The Sunapee, N.H. hot shoe scored both a win and a runner-up finish in a pair of NHSTRA Battle for The Cup 35-lappers, to open a huge lead in the weekly racing series Modified point standings while, at the same time gaining breathing room over number two Cup points man Matt Kimball in the Battler for the Cup Standings.

Kimball also had a good night, leading 55 laps of the combined events, and topping the nightcap for his second Modified victory in the last two weeks. If not for being spun out of the lead in the first go-round, the second-generation Bennington, N.H. star might easily have swept Saturday’s twinbill.

In other feature racing Saturday, Superman Aaron Fellows (Croydon, NH) stormed to his track-high tenth victory of the summer, while Pure Stocker Matt Lambert (Ashuelot, NH) earned his first 2020 victory lap. Mini Stock mighty man Gordon Farnum (Fitzwilliam, NH) rocketed to win number six. The Street Stock division was not active Saturday.

In the first NHSTRA Modified feature, Kimball and Robie sat on row one, the fastest pair of the 20 starters aligned by time trial results. Kimball, with Todd Patnode rocketing to his back bumper, took immediate control.

Kimball set a fast pace the first 21 laps, with Robie then using the low groove to take the lead. Two laps later, with plenty of help from behind, Kimball spun out of second.

Trevor Bleau then briefly moved up to the deuce, but that was as good as things would get for the Troy, N.H. speedster when he was slowed by mechanical failure. When the checkers waved, it was steady Brian Chapin following Robie across the finish line, with Scott MacMichael coming from row four to finish third.

The Modified nightcap was an often brutal event, slowed by no fewer than seven caution and one red-flag delays. What was certain at the end was that Matt Kimball, from row two, had led all but the first lap, brining his refuse-to-lose attitude to this one and scoring his second win of the year. Robie, from 14th, was second.

Modified rookie Solomon Brow walked away from a bone-crunching crash into the backchute wall on lap 18. Trevor Bleau, who’d grenaded to 18th in the first go-round, sat out the nightcap, falling from third in the late-season point standings deep into the top ten.

Aaron Fellows went low under lappers on the ninth circuit of the Late Model Sportsman feature and then checked out on the 13-car field to win for the tenth time in eleven outings.

At 41, Fellows has been winning races for a quarter century. Saturday’s runner-up, teen Camdyn Curtis, doesn’t even have a driver’s license yet. Still, though, the Baltimore, Vt. young gun had everyone but Fellows covered, outrunning cagey veteran Robert Hagar to earn the second-place trophy.

Mini Stock points leader Gor-

don Farnum made easy work of scoring his sixth win of 2020. Taking the lead on lap eight, the Fitzwilliam Flyer outran Kevin Cormier to the checkers, with number two points man Nathan Wenzel third.

The Pure Stock feature was a battle of two up-and-coming drivers each bidding for his first win of the season. Bruce Clark led the first 21 go-rounds, with Matt Lambert, who’d ridden in his shadow all the way, then taking over from the top groove and dashing away to victory.

Chris Davis, looking for his fourth win of the season, got up for second, with Jimmy Zellman third, Clark fourth, and points leader Mike Douglas fifth, ending the night’s action 36 points ahead of Davis, the defending Pure Stock champion.

Doug Meservy Jr. led all the way in the Pro-4 Modified 30-lapper. Randy Cabral was second under the checkers, with Al Reiser topping the Pro-4 Lites class.

In Senior Tour Auto Racing events, Richard Eastman of Merrick, Mass. topped the STAR Sportsman 15-lapper aboard a Pinto. Curt Snow, of West Warren, Mass., got the job done in the STAR Modifieds with his 1936 Chevy Coupe.

With only three scheduled racing events remaining in its exciting 2020 season, Monadnock Speedway will return to action next Saturday, September 12. For more information, please visit www.monadnockspeedway.com.

#### MONADNOCK SPEEDWAY SEPTEMBER 5 TOP TENS:

NHSTRA Modified Feature 1 Results: Brian Robie, Brian Chapin, Scott MacMichael, Stewart McCormack, Ben Byrne, Alyssa Rivera, Russ Hersey, Kim Rivet, Jason Houle, Chris Riendeau, Matt Kimball, Todd Patnode, Solomon Brow, Cory Plummer, Cameron Houle, Brad Zahensky, Jerry Gomarlo, Trevor Bleau, Eric Leclair, Brian Crunden, Kevin Pittsinger

NHSTRA Modified #2 Results (Unofficial): Matt Kimball, Brian Robie, Ben Byrne, Brian Chapin, Chris Riendeau, Cory Plummer, Kim Rivet, Eric Leclair, Jerry Gomarlo, Jason Houle, Kevin Pittsinger, Todd Patnode, Brad Zahensky, Stewart McCormack, Alyssa Rivera, Cameron Houle, Solomon Brow, Russ Hersey, Scott MacMichael

Late Model Sportsman: Aaron Fellows, Camdyn Curtis, Robert Hagar, Cole Littlewood, Justin Littlewood, Will Kuhn, Dan Comeau, Ronald Laperche, Scott Beck, Nancy Muni-Ruot, Chris Ballas, Matt Winter, Chris Jackson

Mini Stock Results: Gordon Farnum, Kevin Cormier, Nathan Wenzel, Kevin Clayton, Jeff Asselein, Kevin McKnight Jr, Tim Leblanc, Joshua Hubbard, Kevin Russell, Erin Aiken, Jake Puchalski, Jeff Heath, Dave Pratt, Adam Sprague, Shelby Avery, Louis Maher, Eric Banks, DNQ - Nadine Coates, DNQ - Tyson Payne

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## Basketball Hall to have first colorized minted coins

SPRINGFIELD – In August 2020, the U.S. Mint releases its first colorized coins as part of the Basketball Hall of Fame Commemorative Coin Program. The program recognizes the 60th anniversary of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame with curved coins in gold, silver, and clad. A limited number of silver proof and clad uncirculated coins are colorized on the reverse side. The silver coin features a colored net, rim, and channels on the basketball. The clad coin colorizes the entire basketball as well as the net and rim.

Colorizing coins appeared in the early 1990s by nations such as Uganda, Equatorial Guinea, and Palau. Now many countries around the world make colorized coins. Canada and Australia are large producers of these coins and develop many innovative techniques for applying color. The Royal Canadian Mint was the first to produce a colorized circulating coin, the 25-cent coin, in 2004.

Coins are colorized by methods such as applying a “sticker” to the surface, adding ink or paint through a computerized “printing” process, or enameling by filling recessed areas with paint. The U.S. Mint used a third-party to colorize the Basketball commemorative coins using an automated process.

The Basketball Hall of Fame Colorized Silver Coin features a white net, dark orange rim, and black channels on the basketball. Channels are the seams that go around the ball. Limiting the color on the ball to the channels retains the look of the silver and texture of the basketball.

The clad colorized coin features an orange basketball with black channels, white net, and dark orange rim. Applying color to the whole basketball enhances the curvature of the coin and gives it a three-dimensional effect. The colors of the net and rim enhance the effect. The orange color of the basketball matches the hue associated with the sport.

In addition to the colorized silver and clad coins, the Basketball Hall of Fame Commemorative Coin Program includes gold, silver, and clad coins without color in proof and uncirculated finishes. All the coins in the program share the same obverse and reverse designs that celebrate the sport of basketball and the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

## Pioneers announce tryouts for upcoming season

LUDLOW – WUP FC is proud to hold tryouts for the 2020-2021 season. Tryouts are for Boys and Girls of all age groups including an open house for younger ages:

Developmental Academy: players born in 2013-2015

First Kick: players born in 2016

This registration session will allow you to complete contact information, and sign up for participation. Please read through each page carefully to ensure that all information is provided accurately.

To ensure we can create the safest environment for your player due to COVID19 precautions, we are still working on exact dates and times to conduct tryouts for the 2020-2021 season. Players may be invited to smaller training sessions and/or limited attendance try-out venues. You will be notified with options via email.

## Bay State games launches 32nd year of Future Leaders Scholarship

REGION – The Bay State Games is pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for the 2020 Future Leaders Scholarship Program. This marks the thirty-second year of this valuable scholarship program that recognizes the leaders of tomorrow who excel in academics, community service, and athletics. The scholarship program is available to any Massachusetts High School student in the class of 2021. Due to the cancellation of the 2020 Summer Games, participation in the Bay State Games is not required but is recommended. Six \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to the top applicants.

“Bay State Games is proud to provide valuable college scholarships to student-athletes representing high schools and communities from across Massachusetts,” said Bay State Games Executive Director, Kevin Cummings. “While the COVID-19 pandemic impacted our traditional spring timeframe for this scholarship, we have moved the process to the fall to ensure that students in the class of 2021 will still have access to this opportunity. I encourage all former Bay State Games Summer and Winter Games participants currently entering their senior year of high school to apply.”

Candidates must submit their application information online by October 15, 2020. The selection process will begin with a review of each student’s application, written recommendations, and transcripts. A number of students will then be selected for virtual interviews which will be conducted the week of November 9. At the conclusion of interviews, six statewide scholarship winners will be announced.

Additional information on the scholarship and a link to an application form can be found at [www.baystategames.org/future-leaders-scholarship](http://www.baystategames.org/future-leaders-scholarship).

For questions, email [info@baystategames.org](mailto:info@baystategames.org) or call 781-932-6555.

## Tri-County to hold golf tournament

BELCHERTOWN – The Tri-County Baseball League, the premier adult baseball league in Western Massachusetts, will hold its annual golf tournament at Mill Valley Golf Links in Belchertown on Saturday, Oct. 3 with a 10 a.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$80 per player. If you’re unable to play, there are donations and hole sponsorships available. The tournament will include lunch during the round, raffle, closest to the pin, longest drive, and a special 50/50 drawing. For more information, go to [www.tri-countybaseball.net](http://www.tri-countybaseball.net). The registration form is on that website.

## Connected River Conservancy holding Source to Sea Cleanup through Sept.

The Connecticut River Conservancy (CRC) is hosting their 24th annual Source to Sea Cleanup throughout the month of September. This year, CRC is asking Cleanup participants and all who enjoy local rivers to join the organization in demanding an end to trashed rivers.

“After cleaning up 1,167 tons of trash over the past 23 years it’s clear that repeated cleaning is not the solution to our trash problem,” said CRC executive director Andrew Fisk. “Consumers need to avoid single use items. And it’s time for the businesses who created and have been profiting from this trash to now help solve the problem through fundamental redesign of how our products are made and disposed of.”

CRC insists on redesigning the economy so there isn’t waste in the first place and said it is time businesses step up to voluntarily do the right thing by offering more sustainable, reusable, recyclable, and compostable options.

“As individuals, we should always properly dispose of and recycle our waste,” said Fisk. “And it’s time that corporations also take responsibility for their role in trashing our rivers.”

“We invite everyone to join us in telling businesses we expect better,” says Stacey Lennard, CRC Cleanup coordinator. “You can help show the problem to help solve the problem. Take a photo, video, or make art inspired by river beauty or river pollution. Get creative, use #RiverWitness, and tag CRC on social media.”

CRC will add images to an online mosaic photo display and video. Select images will be used to call on decision-makers to enact trash solutions to keep trash out of our rivers. “Show them this is im-

portant to you. Speak up for your rivers,” said Lennard.

Consumers have been trained by businesses to rely on unnecessary disposable and single-use plastics. Meanwhile, businesses and manufacturers are profiting by making these products out of cheap, petroleum-based plastic that is harmful and doesn’t easily break down, according to the CRC.

According to CRC, the best way businesses and corporations can cut down on their products becoming litter in rivers is to offer more reusable options, like coffee mugs and drink cups. Additionally, bio-plastics are emerging as a promising alternative to plastic made from fossil fuels. There are plenty of eco-friendly cups and dishware items on the market that businesses should be using. These new plastics are compostable, break down in the marine environment as food, are made from waste, and are made with less energy and environmental impact than traditional petroleum plastics.

“We all have a responsibility to solve this problem,” Fisk said. “We are responsible as consumers to make good choices in how we purchase and dispose of products. Manufacturers, businesses, and government are also responsible and it’s time they do their part. By working together, we can make a real difference for our rivers. These ideas are going to take time, decades even. And we’ll keep at it as long as it takes. But our rivers need change now.”

The Source to Sea Cleanup is a river cleanup coordinated by CRC in all four states of the 410-mile Connecticut River basin (NH, VT, MA, CT). Each fall, thousands of volunteers remove

tons of trash along rivers, streams, parks, boat launches, trails and more. For more information or to register for the event, visit [www.ctriver.org/cleanup](http://www.ctriver.org/cleanup).

Eversource, USA Waste & Recycling, and All American Waste are the Lead Source to Sea Cleanup sponsors. “Sustaining the environment for generations to come drives our decisions as a family and company,” said Frank M. Antonacci, COO of USA Waste & Recycling. “The Source to Sea Cleanup is very special to us - our family of employees and their families participate in this cleanup year after year and we donate dumpster services to ensure the waste collected is disposed of in a responsible manner. CRC does a great job organizing and we are proud to be a part of it!”

“We take great care to promote conservation and protection of wildlife, natural and cultural resources and strive to foster the long-term vitality of the land we manage,” said Eversource Manager of Sustainability Clare Connolly. “Working with the CRC at their Source to Sea Cleanup event helps to sustain healthy rivers and protect important natural resources.”

Since 1952, Connecticut River Conservancy has been the voice for the Connecticut River watershed, from source to sea. CRC collaborates with partners across four states to protect and advocate for rivers and educate and engage communities. They bring people together to prevent pollution, improve habitat, and promote enjoyment of rivers. Healthy rivers support healthy economies. To learn more about CRC, or to make a contribution to help protect your rivers, visit [www.ctriver.org](http://www.ctriver.org).

## MassDEP penalizes Brown Bear Transportation, Regency Transportation for oil spill notification violations

BOSTON – The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) announced today that it has assessed penalties to Springfield-based Brown Bear Transportation, LLC, and Franklin-based Regency Transportation, Inc. for violating the oil spill

notification and response regulations following a spill of diesel fuel at Regency Transportation’s facility in July 2019.

Brown Bear Transportation was fined \$15,000, which includes a requirement to perform a supplemental environmental project, while Regency Transportation was fined \$13,000.

“It is imperative that commercial fuel oil carriers and fuel oil tank owners notify MassDEP in a timely way of any releases of oil to the environment,” said Mary Jude Pigsley, Director of MassDEP’s Central Regional Office in Worcester. “Working with MassDEP to quickly address any potential threats greatly minimizes actual harm to the public and the environment.”

On July 2, 2019, Brown Bear Transportation delivered a load of diesel fuel to the Regency facility at 5 Kenwood Circle in Franklin, resulting in an accidental overfill of a 12,000-gallon fuel storage tank and a release of fuel to the pavement and ground surrounding the tank. An 8,000-gallon delivery was added to 4,500 gallons already in the tank, resulting in a spill of more than 200 gallons. However, the companies initially estimated the spill at just six to eight gallons and failed to notify MassDEP of the release until the following day, despite a requirement to notify the agency of such a spill within two hours. The diesel fuel was eventually cleaned up.

Under the terms of consent orders with each company, Brown Bear Transportation must pay \$5,000 of the \$15,000 and perform a supplemental environmental project amounting to \$10,000, in which the company will sponsor oil spill training seminars with local fire departments and first responders in Franklin and in the Worcester area. Regency Transportation must pay its penalty of \$13,000.

MassDEP is responsible for ensuring clean air and water, safe management and recycling of solid and hazardous wastes, timely cleanup of hazardous waste sites and spills and the preservation of wetlands and coastal resources.

## How Can You Prepare for the “New Retirement”?

A generation or so ago, people didn’t just retire from work – many of them also withdrew from a whole range of social and communal activities. But now, it’s different: The large Baby Boom cohort, and no doubt future ones, are insisting on an active lifestyle and continued involvement in their communities and world. So, what should you know about this “new retirement”? And how can you prepare for it?

For starters, consider what it means to be a retiree today. The 2020 Edward Jones/Age Wave Four Pillars of the New Retirement study has identified these four interrelated, key ingredients, along with the connected statistics, for living well in the new retirement:

**Health** – While physical health may decline with age, emotional intelligence – the ability to use emotions in positive ways – actually improves, according to a well-known study from the University of California, among others. However, not surprisingly, retirees fear Alzheimer’s and other types of dementia more than any physical ailment, including cancer or infectious diseases, according to the “Four Pillars” study.

**Family** – Retirees get their greatest emotional nourishment from family relationships – and they’ll do anything it takes to help support those family members, even if it means sacrificing their own financial security. Conversely, retirees lacking close connections with family and friends are at risk for all the negative consequences resulting from physical and social isolation.

**Purpose** – Nearly 90% of Americans feel that there should be more ways for retirees to use their talents and knowledge for the benefit of their communities and society at large. Retirees want to spend their time in useful, rewarding ways – and they’re well capable of doing so, given their decades of life experience. Retirees with a strong sense of purpose have happier, healthier lives and report a higher quality of life.

**Finances** – Retirees are less interested in accumulating more wealth than they are in having sufficient resources to achieve the freedom to live their lives as they choose. Yet, retirees frequently find that managing money in retirement can be even more challenging than saving for it. And the “unknowns” can be scary: Almost 70% of those who plan to retire in the next 10 years say they have no idea what their healthcare and long-term care costs will be in retirement.

So, if you’re getting close to retirement, and you’re considering these factors, how can you best integrate them into a fulfilling, meaningful way of life? You’ll want to take a “holistic” approach by asking yourself some key questions: What do you want to be able to do with your time and money? Are you building the resources necessary to enjoy the lifestyle you’ve envisioned? Are you prepared for the increasing costs of health care as you age? Have you taken the steps to maintain your financial independence, and avoid burdening your family, in case you need some type of long-term care? Have you created the estate plans necessary to leave the type of legacy you desire?

By addressing these and other issues, possibly with the help of a financial professional, you can set yourself on the path toward the type of retirement that’s not really a retirement at all – but rather a new, invigorating chapter of your life.

*This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.*



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DEATH  
NOTICES

Flaherty, Mara F.  
Died August 26,  
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The Journal Register  
OBITUARY POLICY

Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries.  
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Police/Fire

Police Logs

**PALMER**  
*The Palmer Police Department made four arrests or summons between Sept. 2 and Sept. 8. Those arrested will appear in the Palmer District Court at a future date and are innocent until proven guilty.*

**Monday, Sept. 7**  
Barbara Sue Pelletier, 34, of 36 Beauregard, Springfield, was arrested at 8:54 p.m. on Wilbraham Street in Palmer, for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and having no inspection sticker.

**Thursday, Sept. 3**  
Kenneth Charles III Paskins, 31, of 410 Carew St., Springfield was arrested at 7:11 p.m. on Thorndike Street in Palmer, on a warrant.

**MONSON**  
*The Monson Police Department made six arrests or summons between Aug. 30 and Sept. 5. Those arrested will appear in the Palmer District Court at a future date and are innocent until proven guilty.*

**Sunday, Aug. 30**  
Camila Isabel McCusker, 27, of 41 Oxford Dr., Franklin, was arrested at 5:32 p.m. for trespassing; possession of a Class E drug; operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and possession of an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle.


**Saturday, Sept. 4**  
David S. Jr. Lips, 34, of 16 N. Longyard Rd., Southwick, was arrested at 8:32 p.m. for inhaling glue/toxic substance and possession of a Class B drug.

**Erin Michael Handy,** 39, of 50 Central Park Ter., Franklin, was arrested at 5:32 p.m. for trespassing.

Fire Logs

O B I T U A R I E S

Mara F. Flaherty, 63



Mara F. Flaherty, 63, passed away on August 26, 2020 at William Childs Hospice House in Palm Bay, Florida after a prolonged debilitating illness.

Born in Palmer, Massachusetts, Mara was the daughter of Dr. James R. and Kathryn M. Flaherty. She graduated from Palmer High School, Springfield Technical Community College (earning a degree in Respiratory Therapy), Florida Atlantic University (earning a degree in Nursing, graduated magna cum laude, and becoming a Registered Nurse), and Florida State University (becoming a Physician Assistant).

Mara was an administrator in health care and rehabilitation facilities in Massachusetts before relocating to Florida where she worked Merritt Island, Titusville, Palm Bay, Vero Beach and served as a Physician Assistant in Vero Beach as well as Sebastian River Hospital.

Mara loved her country and was proud to serve in the Army for 5 years. Mara was honored to be a member of Post 394 of the American Legion, Bayside Lake in Palm Bay, Florida.

As a member of the Saint Sebastian Church on Route 1 in Sebastian, Florida Mara contributed to the folk masses by playing many different instruments (guitar, flute, and trumpet) and had a strong, beautiful singing voice, which allowed her to share her faith-filled spirit with the community.

As a strong believer in education and supporting others, Mara taught Breast Cancer Awareness classes and served as faculty for Eastern Community College in Palm Bay, where she tutored medical students.

Mara was well known for her witty retorts, sociability, and extremely high standards. She loved community activities and always sought out opportunities to make a difference, while helping others. She was determined, hardworking, motivated, the consummate professional-maintaining high standards for herself and those she helped prepare for a career in medicine. She remained dedicated to her profession, its tenets and values until the very end. She will be deeply missed by all those who knew her and whose lives she has forever changed.

She is survived by Cara M. Flaherty of Palm Bay, Florida, Tara K. Bellefleur of South Windsor, Connecticut, Brenden J. Flaherty of New Hampshire, James S. Flaherty of Rockville Centre, New York, Noelle K. Bellefleur of Springfield Massachusetts, Thomas R. Flaherty of Rockville Centre, New York, as well as her beloved shih-tzu, Panda Flaherty-Webb.

Mara was pre-deceased by her parents, Dr. James R. and Kathryn M. Flaherty, her brothers-Thomas J. Flaherty and Kevin J. Flaherty, as well as her dear pets -Ginger Flaherty-Webb and Renia Flaherty-Webb.

Memorial donations in lieu of flowers may be made to the Breast Cancer Association: breastcancer.org



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Public notices

PALMER PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A, Section 11, M.G.L. the Palmer Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Monday, September 21, 2020 at 7:15 PM** in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 4417 Main Street, Palmer, MA.

The applicant, New England Recreation & Health, LLC is seeking an amendment to Special Permits #SP18-01, SP18-02, SP18-03 & SP18-04 to transfer all rights and obligations from Altitude Organic Corp. of MA to New England Recreation & Health, LLC, as required by sections 171-124 G. (2) of the Marijuana Establishments and Registered Marijuana Dispensaries Zoning Ordinance, for the operation of a marijuana cultivation, manufacturing and retail facility at the property located at 8 Chamber Road, Palmer, MA. This parcel is also known as Assessor's Map 18, Lot 49 & 49F.

A copy of the application may be inspected on the Planning Department website at [www.townofpalmer.com/planning](http://www.townofpalmer.com/planning) or at the Planning Department office at Town Hall by appointment only.

Anyone interested in more information or wishing to be heard on the application can contact the Planning Department at 413-283-2605 or appear at the time and place designated above.

This notice shall also be posted on the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association's (MNPA) website (<http://masspublicnotice.org>).

Michael Marciniac, Chairman  
9/03, 9/10/2020

The Town of Monson Zoning Board of Appeals LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 40A, M.G.L. s11, the Monson Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a **Public Hearing Thursday September 24, 2020 at 7:20 P.M. REMOTELY**, on the application of the Quaboag Riders for a Special Permit. The applicant is seeking a change to their existing Special Permit for a non-conforming use, under Section 3.3.2 of the Monson Zoning Bylaws. The locations are 31 King Ave and 24 Wales Rd, Monson, Map 116,

Parcel 7, Map 116, Parcel 22, Map 117, Parcel 26 in the Residential Rural and Residential Village districts, owned by Quaboag Riders, Inc. A copy of the application is on file with the Zoning Board of Appeals and can be viewed during office hours.

**Join the meeting by logging in or calling in and entering the Meeting ID and Password below:**

**Login:** <https://zoom.us/j/98804028349?pwd=M-2JVSRQWVRNNmlx-UlpBTfZEZmZnZz09>  
**Dial:** 1 646 558 8656  
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**Password:** 950520  
David Beaudoin, Chairman  
9/10, 9/17/2020

The Town of Monson Zoning Board of Appeals LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 40A M.G.L. §11, the Monson Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a **Public Hearing Thursday September 24, 2020 at 7:05 PM REMOTELY** on the application of Meryl Callahan & Evan Terbush for a Special Permit as provided by the Schedule of Use Regulations (Table 1) in Section 3.0 of the Monson Zoning Bylaws. The applicant seeks a special permit for a business use, Raising Pets for Gainful Purpose, at 141 Peck Bros Road, Map 105 and Parcel 17, property owner is Evan Terbush. The property is zoned Rural Residential and is 2.36 acres in size. A copy of the application is on file with the Zoning Board of Appeals and can be viewed during office hours.

**Join the meeting by logging in or calling in and entering the Meeting ID and Password below:**

**Login:** <https://zoom.us/j/98804028349?pwd=M-2JVSRQWVRNNmlx-UlpBTfZEZmZnZz09>  
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David Beaudoin, Chairman  
9/10, 9/17/2020

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In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A, Section 11, M.G.L. the Palmer Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Monday, September 21, 2020 at 7:00 PM** in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 4417 Main Street, Palmer,

MA. The applicant, New England Recreation & Health, LLC is seeking an amendment to Special Permit #SP19-04 to transfer all rights and obligations from Altitude Organic Corp. of MA to New England Recreation & Health, LLC, as required by sections 171-124 G. (2) of the Marijuana Establishments and Registered Marijuana Dispensaries Zoning Ordinance, for the operation of a retail marijuana establishment at the property located at 1235 Thorndike Street, Palmer, MA. This parcel is also known as Assessor's Map 73, Lot 58.

A copy of the application may be inspected on the Planning Department website at [www.townofpalmer.com/planning](http://www.townofpalmer.com/planning) or at the Planning Department office at Town Hall by appointment only.

Anyone interested in more information or wishing to be heard on the application can contact the Planning Department at 413-283-2605 or appear at the time and place designated above.

This notice shall also be posted on the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association's (MNPA) website (<http://masspublicnotice.org>).

Michael Marciniac, Chairman  
9/03, 9/10/2020

PALMER CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with the Wetland Protection Act of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Chapter 131, Section 40, and the Town of Palmer Wetlands Ordinance, Chapter 168, the Palmer Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 7:00 PM** on the application of Fuss & O'Neill c/o BWC Dumplin Brook, LLC (Bluewave Solar) of 111 Huntington Avenue, Suite 650, Boston, MA 02199.

The applicant submitted a Notice of Intent for the construction of a ground mounted solar array and stream crossing replacement at 3090 Palmer Street, Palmer, MA, 01069. Work is proposed within Bank, Bordering Vegetated Wetlands, Riverfront Area, and the 100-year floodplain. The project site is located at 3090 Palmer Street, Palmer, MA 01069, and is also known as: Map 29-1.

**Public Participation will be via Virtual Means**

**Only** - Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Palmer Conservation Commission will be conducted via remote participation. The public may participate in this meeting via Remote Participation: A website for the meeting will be provided on the Conservation Agenda posted on the Town's website at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Copies of the Notice of Intent may be examined electronically by visiting this Website: <https://www.townofpalmer.com/conservation>

Donald Blais, Jr  
Chair,  
Palmer Conservation Commission  
9/10/2020

LEGAL NOTICE MONSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Under the requirements of M.G.L. Chapt. 131, s.40, the Monson Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday September 16, 2020 at 7:50 P.M. remotely**. Under consideration is a Notice of Intent for the construction of a SFH and associated work on Brimfield Rd, Map 151, Parcel 22B. The proposed construction of the home will be outside of the 100' buffer. The driveway and work associated with the septic system construction will be the only disturbance within the wetland buffer. Property owner is 27 E. Hill Rd Realty Trust, John Martin filed the request.

<https://zoom.us/j/93461517169?pwd=SU-JwR3lZbHAYZzdGT0ZQeFlwRXVTZz09>  
**Dial:** 1.646.558.8656  
**Meeting ID:** 934 6151 7169  
**Password:** 878803  
Monson Conservation Commission  
9/10/2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758

**Docket No. HD19P1868EA**  
**Estate of:**  
**Francis J Buck**  
**Date of Death: 12/07/2018**  
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT**

A Petition for **Order of Complete Settlement** has been filed by Timothy Buck of Brimfield MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/28/2020.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written

appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

**WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland,** First Justice of this Court.  
Date: August 26, 2020  
**Suzanne T. Seguin**  
Register of Probate  
9/10/2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758

**Docket No. HD20P0562EA**  
**Estate of:**  
**Maurice Esdras Dufresne**  
**Date of Death: 12/14/2019**  
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons: A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Virginia R. Wright** of Feeding Hills, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Virginia R. Wright** of Feeding Hills, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/29/2020.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

**WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland,** First Justice of this Court.

Date: September 01, 2020  
**Suzanne T. Seguin**  
Register of Probate  
9/10/2020

PALMER CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

In accordance with the Wetland Protection Act of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Chapter 131, Section 40, and the Town of Palmer Wetlands Ordinance, Chapter 168, the Palmer Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting on **Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 7:00 PM** on the application of Fuss & O'Neill, Inc. c/o BWC Dumplin Brook, LLC (Bluewave Solar) of 111 Huntington Avenue, Suite 650, Boston, MA 02199.

The applicant is requesting a determination to see if the work associated with the construction of a 7.98 MW solar photovoltaic array is subject to the MA Wetlands Protection Act and the Town of Palmer Wetlands Protection Ordinance. The proposed solar array has been located outside of the 100-foot buffer zone to wetland resource areas.

The location of the proposed project is L22 Sykes Street and L28 Mt. Dumplin Street, Palmer MA 01069 and is also known as: Assessor's Map 18, Lots 22 & 28.

**Public Participation will be via Virtual Means Only** - Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Palmer Conservation Commission will be conducted via remote participation. The public may participate in this meeting via Remote Participation: A website for the meeting will be provided on the Conservation Agenda posted on the Town's website at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Copies of the Request for Determination of Applicability may be examined electronically by visiting this Website: <https://www.townofpalmer.com/conservation>

Donald Blais, Jr  
Chair  
Palmer Conservation Commission  
9/10/2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758

**Docket No. HD20P1463EA**  
**Estate of:**  
**Susan Frances Mackiewicz**  
**Also known as:**  
**Susan F Mackiewicz**  
**Date of Death: 07/01/2020**  
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons: A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Duncan P Mackiewicz** of Holyoke, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Duncan P Mackiewicz** of Holyoke, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at

the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/25/2020.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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**WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland,** First Justice of this Court.

Date: August 28, 2020  
**Suzanne T. Seguin**  
Register of Probate  
9/10/2020

PALMER CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

In accordance with the Wetland Protection Act of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Chapter 131, Section 40, and the Town of Palmer Wetlands Ordinance, Chapter 168, the Palmer Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting on **Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 7:00 PM** on the application of Foresight Land Services c/o Mint Cultivation Facilities, LLC of 21001 N. Tatum Blvd. # 1630-486, Phoenix, AZ 85050.

The applicant is requesting a determination to see if the work associated with renovation and exterior site work at the Thorndike Mills Factory Outlet is subject to the MA Wetlands Protection Act and the Town of Palmer Wetlands Protection Ordinance. Work has been proposed within 100-feet of Bordering Vegetated Wetlands.

The location of the proposed project is 25 Ware Street, Palmer MA 01069 and is also known as: Assessor's Map 73-57.

**Public Participation will be via Virtual Means Only** - Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Palmer Conservation Commission will be conducted via remote participation. The public may participate in this meeting via Remote Participation: A website for the meeting will be provided on the Conservation Agenda posted on the Town's website at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Copies of the Request for Determination of Applicability may be examined electronically by visiting this Website: <https://www.townofpalmer.com/conservation>

Donald Blais, Jr  
Chair, Palmer Conservation Commission  
9/10/2020

PALMER PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A, Section 11, M.G.L.

the Palmer Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Monday, September 21st 2020, at 7:30 PM** in the Town Administration Building, 4417 Main Street, Palmer, MA.

The applicant, Palmer Paving Corporation, 25 Blanchard Street, Palmer, MA 01069 is seeking a Special Permit as required by section 171.73 of the Palmer Zoning Ordinance to remove earth materials from the property located at 863 Ware Street. This parcel is also known as Assessor's Map(s) 31, Lots 28 & 28-1.

A copy of the application may be inspected at the Planning Department office in the Town Administration Building from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Thursday.

Anyone interested in more information or wishing to be heard on the application can contact the Planning Department at 413-283-2605 or appear at the time and place designated above.

This notice is also posted on the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association's (MNPA) website (<http://masspublicnotice.org>).

Michael Marciniac, Chairman  
9/03, 9/10/2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758

**Docket No. HD20P1318EA**  
**Estate of:**  
**Mary Willis Sichel**  
**Date of Death: 03/31/2020**  
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons: A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Warren Adam Crowder** of Centreville, VA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Warren Adam Crowder** of Centreville, VA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/25/2020.**

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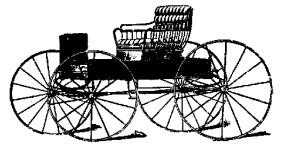
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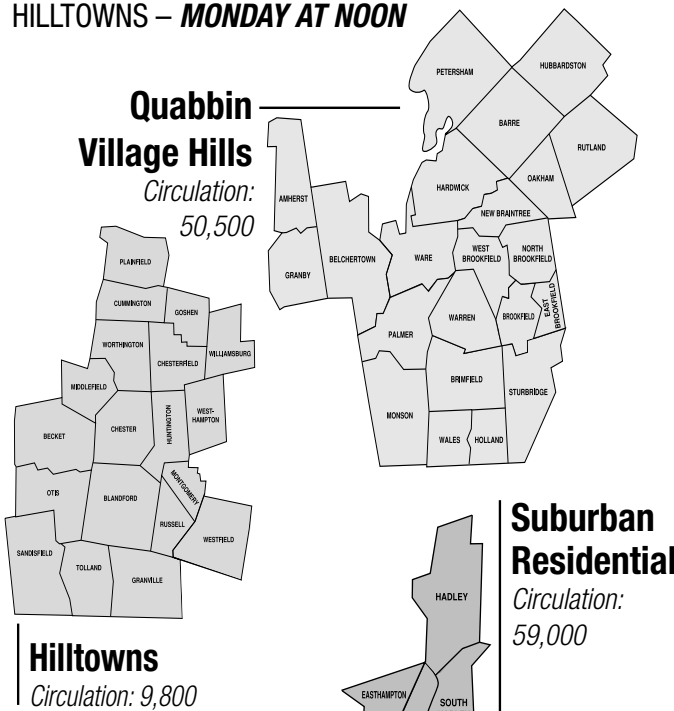
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# Dakin Humane Society’s Barks & Brews at Home online event Oct. 4

*Tickets on sale for virtual event*

SPRINGFIELD – Barks & Brews at Home, a virtual event experience, will be presented by Dakin Humane Society on Sunday, Oct. 4 beginning at 4 p.m. Participants will be able to vote for the winning videos in two contests; the Funniest Home Videos: Pet Edition, and the Tails Talent Show, and receive a commemorative 2020 Barks & Brews t-shirt, two beer tokens from event sponsor Fort Hill Brewery, and chances to win prizes, as well as join in the interactive event. Tickets are \$30 per person and are on sale at [dakinhumane.org](https://bit.ly/2XSbsCH).

Anyone is welcome to submit videos for consideration in the two contests. Funniest Home Videos: Pet Edition will feature silly or comical videos of pets, while the Tails Talent Show shines a spotlight on pets with a particular talent. The deadline to submit videos for either competition is Sept. 15. Detailed information about submissions can be found at <https://bit.ly/2XSbsCH>.

“We are obviously taking Dakin’s most successful and well-attended event in a whole new direction,” said Stacey Price, director of development and marketing. “If we can’t be together in-person, we want to present an event that will make everyone feel connected to each other, and to the wonderful animals in our community. Dakin supports the human-animal bond every day through its services and programs, and we hope many will gather online with us for a fun-filled Barks & Brews event that will help us to continue our mission to improve the lives of animals in need and the people who care about them.”

In addition to the video contests, the event will feature the Dakin Humane Awards. Five individuals will be honored for their various contributions to the health and welfare of animals. Among them will be the recipient of the Youth Award, which recognizes someone aged 16 or younger whose compassion makes a difference in the life of an animal and makes the world a kinder and gentler place.

In addition to Fort Hill Brewery, sponsors of the 2020 Barks & Brews at Home event include Gage Wiley, Finck & Perras and River Valley Co-op.

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# NBSB recognized for its community contribution

NORTH BROOKFIELD – North Brookfield Savings Bank’s roots run deep in its local communities and they have always held strong to the importance of being a source of support for their neighborhoods. In fact, “Community Support” is one of their five core values established by the bank. That is why North Brookfield Savings Bank was pleased to be notified that the local, community-focused bank had been recognized as the number one leader in community contribution for Central Massachusetts at the annual Banking Choice Awards.

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North Brookfield Savings Bank

consistently shows their dedication to supporting their communities through donations, volunteerism, and educational opportunities. A small selection of recent contributions from the bank are a recent homebuyers night webinar, food pantry donations, \$10,000 worth of scholarships for local high school seniors, and a financial literacy presentation aimed at protecting older community members from fraud, scams and identity theft.

Recently the Bank released their 2019 annual Report which was fittingly themed “Neighbors helping Neighbors,” displaying the various ways the bank gives back to local communities through charitable giving and outreach efforts, as well as support of their local business communities.

“In addition to the bank’s monetary contributions made, we have a fantastic group of employees who are committed and enthusiastic about providing our neighborhoods with community support,” said Andrea Healy, chief administrative and human resources officer. “We are continually impressed by their generosity and caring nature when it comes to giving back. Many of our employees sit on committees and serve as board members of organizations and non-profits in order to support their operations. Our employees are the heart and soul of the Bank and their commitment is what makes these accomplishments possible.”

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# Political satire by Kristina Wong launches UMass Fine Arts Center’s virtual performances this fall

AMHERST – On Thursday, Sept. 10 at 7 p.m., the UMass Amherst Fine Arts Center presents the first virtual performance of its 2020-2021 season.

“Kristina Wong for Public Office: Live from Her Home” is a raucous show created by a performance artist reflecting on her current stint in public office. Originally intended to tour live alongside crowded debates and rallies leading up to the 2020 Presidential election, Kristina Wong will now perform her timely show from her Los Angeles living room against a backdrop of a hand-sewn set designed and created by herself. This virtual performance is a live, one-time only presentation that requires free tickets for access.

Wong, an actual elected representative of Koreatown, Los Angeles is now part of the system she used to ridicule. But is Wong more effective as a performance artist or a politician? Can she abolish ICE? Is there actually a difference between performance art and politics?

“Kristina Wong for Public Office” is a virtual 65-minute comedic performance that crosses the aesthetics of campaign rallies, church revivals, and solo theater shows to tell the story of what it means to run for local office, the history of voting, and the impact artists can have on democracy. The show is written and performed by Kristina Wong; directed and dramaturgy by Diana Wyenn; devised by Kristina Wong and Diana Wyenn.

“Kristina Wong for Public Office” kicks off the Fine Arts Center’s new Reimagine Residency Series, which invites nationally recognized artists who are dedicated to addressing contemporary social issues to engage through performance, education, and outreach activities. Kristina’s residency includes educational outreach to UMass students in theater, Asian American Studies, and history and is supported by the Applewood and Loomis Communities.

Wong is a performance artist, comedian, writer and elected representative

who has been presented internationally across North America, the UK, Hong Kong and Africa. Most recently, she was in the news for launching the “Auntie Sewing Squad,” a volunteer group that has sewn and distributed over 60,000 masks to underserved communities across the country since the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic. When her spring tour was cancelled, Wong decided to put her sewing skills to good use and offered to make masks for those in need. Requests rolled in and so did eventually 800 volunteers to help with the effort.

She’s been featured in the New York Times’ Off Color series “highlighting artists of color who use humor to make smart social statements about the sometimes subtle, sometimes obvious ways that race plays out in America today.” Among the numerous immersive theater experiences she’s helped create, she’s created viral web series like “How Not to Pick Up Asian Chicks” and just launched the second season of the award winning

“Radical Cram School.” Her rap career in post-conflict Northern Uganda is the subject of her last solo theater show “The Wong Street Journal” which toured the US, Canada and Lagos, Nigeria (presented by the US Consulate). Her long running show “Wong Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest” looked at the high rates of depression and suicide among Asian American women and is now broadcast-quality film distributed by Cinema Libre Studios. For more information, visit [kristinawong.com](https://kristinawong.com).

For more information and tickets to “Kristina Wong for Public Office: Live from Her Home,” visit [fineartscenter.com/wong](https://fineartscenter.com/wong). This production contains mature or sensitive content and may not be advisable for all audiences. For tickets and questions, the box office can be reached by email at [facbox@umass.edu](mailto:facbox@umass.edu) and by phone at 413-545-2511 or 800-999-UMAS, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., hours subject to change.

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